

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a method and an apparatus for authenticating data that is transmitted across a public network; the system facilitates confirmation of data communicated to a first device on behalf of a first user to a second device on behalf of a second user. More specifically, independent claims 1, 10 and 19 identify the uniquely distinct features: translating a message containing data to humanly recognizable string of dictionary words that are later authenticated against a corresponding string of dictionary words to ensure authenticity and integrity of the message.

The closest prior art, Immonen (US PGPub No. 2003/0120924), teaches a method for checking the integrity of message data transmitted between a sender and a recipient ; however Immonen does disclose translating data into a string of words that can be recognized by a human. Another prior art, Baker (US PGPub No. 2007/0005962), teaches a method and apparatus for negotiating agreements over concealed terms through a blind agent; however Baker's teaches translating a word or phrase into a form that cannot be reversed by any known methods (i.e. using a one-way key encryption to translate a word or phrase to produce data). The prior art, taken alone or in combination, fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of Applicant's independent claims in such a manner that a rejection under 35 USC 102 or 103 would be proper. The claims are therefore considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and non-obvious over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAUREL LASHLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-0693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, alt Fridays btw 7:30 am & 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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